

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-45 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

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Claim 16 (New). A variant of a *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase, which comprises a mutation at a position corresponding to at least one of the following positions in SEQ ID NO: 10:

- V52,
- G121,
- F141,
- H206,
- P336,
- T365,
- I380,
- I382,
- V406,
- A506, and/or
- W507,

wherein the variant has laccase activity.

Claim 17 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 52.

Claim 18 (New). The variant of claim 17, comprising V52 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 19 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 121.

Claim 20 (New). The variant of claim 19, comprising G121 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 21 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 141.

Claim 22 (New). The variant of claim 21, comprising F141 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, S, T, R, V, Y.

Claim 23 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 206.

Claim 24 (New). The variant of claim 23, comprising H206 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 25 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 336.

Claim 26 (New). The variant of claim 25, comprising P336 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 27 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 365.

Claim 28 (New). The variant of claim 27, comprising T365 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

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Claim 29 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 380.

Claim 30 (New). The variant of claim 29, comprising I380 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, Y.

Claim 31 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 382.

Claim 32 (New). The variant of claim 31, comprising I382 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, Y.

Claim 33 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 406.

Claim 34 (New). The variant of claim 33, comprising V406 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 35 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 506.

Claim 36 (New). The variant of claim 35, comprising A506 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, Y.

Claim 37 (New). The variant of claim 16, comprising a substitution at a position corresponding to position 507.

Claim 38 (New). The variant of claim 37, comprising W507 A, I, L, N, Q, R, S.

Claim 39 (New). The variant of claim 16, wherein the *Myceliophthora thermophila* laccase has an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 40 (New). A detergent additive comprising a variant of claim 16 in the form of a non-dusting granulate, a stabilized liquid or a protected enzyme.

Claim 41 (New). A detergent composition, comprising a laccase variant of claim 16 and a surfactant.

Claim 42 (New). A detergent composition of claim 41, which additionally comprises an amylase, cellulase lipase and/or protease.

Claim 43 (New). A method for oxidizing a substrate, comprising contacting the substrate with a variant of claim 16.

Claim 44 (New). A method for inhibiting dye transfer during washing of fabrics, comprising adding a variant of claim 16 during washing.

Claim 45 (New). A method for bleaching a textile, comprising applying a variant of claim 16 to the textile.